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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Intelligence Research Techniques Course

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum of 15 November 1973

1. I request that you reconsider your proposal to abandon support to the Center in arranging for the Intelligence Research Techniques Course. We do not consider this component training and we feel that OTR is better suited and can more easily handle arrangements for this course.

2. Although NPIC has been the prime user of the Intelligence Research Techniques Course (IRTC), we consider that it is open to others and would be, with proper notification, of broader interest. We have identified a need for four runnings of this course in CY 1974 and we are willing to share openings in this course with others.

3. The IRTC has been most helpful in familiarizing our employees with the functions and activities of the intelligence community. It assists us in fulfilling one of our training objectives which is to create an increased awareness among our employees of the efforts of others. We feel that this has a gain, which we cannot easily measure, in improving our overall effectiveness.

4. Of course, I am sympathetic with cost-cutting measures and we are all looking at ways to cut back on marginal and unnecessary activities. I am in no position to evaluate overall Agency training programs but we do not consider this one to be marginal or unnecessary. I feel that OTR is much better suited to make the arrangements for this course and I request that you continue to do so.

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5. I look upon this course as one of those training activities which advances us toward accomplishing the DCI's "one Agency" objective.



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